Year	Amount released (Rs. in crore)
1977-78	33.20
1978-79	21.93
1979-80	23.00
1980-81	22.19
1981-82	15.24
1982-83	69.57
1983-84	36.17
1984-85	202.84
1985-86	123.67
1986-87	135.14
1987-88	170.22
1988-89	216.84

Cotton monopoly procurement Scheme of Maharashtra

1137. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) Whether any extension has been given to Maharashtra's Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any, further study is also being conducted on the long term implications of the scheme; and

(d) if so, by when the study is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) and (b) The Union Government have extended the Maharashtra Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme for a further period of one year with effect from 1-7-86 for the Present.

(c) and (d) It has been decided to constitute a high level interministerial Committee to examine the merits and demerits of the continuance of the Scheme. The Committee is expected to give its reports within 6 months.

Shifting of head office of Tea Board from Calcutta to Guwahati

1138. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there has been a consistent demand from the people of Assam and State Government for shifting of the Head Office of Tea Board from Calcutta to Guwahati; and

(b) if so, whether Government have since taken any decision in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Calcutta being a major port, has remained the centre of export activities for a long time. Most of the tea buying for overseas markets is done from Calcutta auction and a number of exporting firms are also located there. It is therefore not practical to shift the Head Office of Tea Board from Calcutta to Guwahati.

Assam's relation with neighbouring States

1139. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the relation of Assam with the neighbouring North Eastern States have been at a low ebb owing to the border disputes continuing amongst them over the years; and

(b) if so, what steps Government contemplate for solving the border disputes of Assam with the neighbouring States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) Government are aware of the border problem between the State of Assam and its neighbouring States of Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya and Nagaland.

Central Government have been of the view that such problems should be settled by the State Governments concerned through discussions and in a spirit of goodwill and mutual co-operation. Good offices of the Central Government are always available to the States for this purpose.

In so far as the boundary problem between the States of Assam and Nagaland is concerned, an official level meeting with the two Chief Secretaries and Additional Secretary of Union Home Ministry was held and ground rules for maintaining peace and harmony along the border were agreed upon. The Union Home Minister also had a meeting with the two Chief Minister on the 24th July, 1989 where the ground rules were ratified and it was also agreed that the two Chief Ministers would meet separately also on this issue.

Project report on the Brahmaputra for flood control

1140. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) when the Brahmaputra Board submitted its project report to the Central Government for flood control on the Brahmaputra river;

(b) what is the latest thinking of Government on the project report and what will be next phase of action of the Board; and

(c) whether Government propose to invite reputed foreign experts for controlling the Brahmaputra as suggested by a number of individuals and organisations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) Brahmaputra Board has submitted a project report of Pagladiya in the Brahmaputra basin in October, 1988.

(b) The Brahmaputra Board has taken up studies as indicated in the comments of Appraising Agencies.

(c It is not considered necessary.

मध्य प्रदेश में एक अभयारण्य की स्थापना

1141. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

ठाकुर जगतपाल सिंह :

क्या **पर्यावरण और वन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार का चालू पंचवर्षीय योजना अवधि के दौरान मध्य प्रदेश में एक नया अभयारण्य स्थापित करने का विचार है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती सुमति ओरांव) : (क) और (ख) राष्ट्रीय उद्यान/वन्यजीव अभयारण्यों की स्थापना राज्य सरकारों द्वारा वन्यजीव (सुरक्षा) अधिनियम, 1972 के उपबंधों के अधीन की जाती है ।